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Application of

Applicant : Minter et al  
Title : MICROWAVABLE PACKAGING OF FRESH PRODUCE  
Docket : FCC 0001 PA

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In accordance with the **REVISED AMENDMENT FORMAT** and waiver of 37 CFR 1.121, as promulgated by order of Stephen Kunin, Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy, on January 31, 2003, the entire set of presently pending claims has been reproduced below in the approved revised amendment format. Any amendments to the specification and drawings have also been presented in the revised format. No separate marked-up copy of the amended claims has been provided.

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows: